

# Terrestrial Animal Health Standards Commission Report

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## CHAPTER 1.4.3.

### **BORDER POSTS AND QUARANTINE STATIONS IN THE IMPORTING COUNTRY**

#### Article 1.4.3.1.

1. Countries and their *Veterinary Authorities* shall, wherever possible, take the necessary action to ensure that the *border posts* and *quarantine stations* in their territory shall be provided with an adequate organisation and sufficient equipment for the application of the measures recommended in the *Terrestrial Code*.
2. Each *border post* and *quarantine station* shall be provided with facilities for the feeding and watering of animals.

#### Article 1.4.3.2.

When justified by the amount of *international trade* and by the epidemiological situation, *border posts* and *quarantine stations* shall be provided with a *Veterinary Service* comprising personnel, equipment and premises as the case may be and, in particular, means for:

- a) making clinical examinations and obtaining specimens of material for diagnostic purposes from live animals or carcasses of animals affected or suspected of being affected by an epizootic *disease*, and obtaining specimens of animal products suspected of contamination;
- b) detecting and isolating animals affected by or suspected of being affected by an epizootic *disease*;
- c) carrying out *disinfection* and possibly *disinfestation* of *vehicles* used to transport animals and animal products.

In addition to this, each port and international airport should ideally be provided with equipment for the sterilisation or incineration of swill or any other material dangerous to animal health.

#### Article 1.4.3.3.

When required for the transit of *commodities* in *international trade*, airports shall be provided, as soon as possible, with *areas of direct transit*. These must, however, comply with the conditions required by *Veterinary Authorities*, especially to prevent the risk of introducing *diseases* transmitted by insects.

## Article 1.4.3.4.

Each *Veterinary Authority*, when requested, shall make available for the *Central Bureau* and any interested country on request:

- a) a list of *border posts, quarantine stations, approved abattoirs* and storage depots in its territory which are approved for *international trade*;
  - b) the period of time required for notice to be given for the application of the arrangements contained in point 2 of Articles 1.4.4.1. to 1.4.4.4.;
  - c) a list of airports in its territory which are provided with an area of direct transit, approved by the relevant *Veterinary Authority* and placed under its immediate control, where *animals* stay for a short time pending further transport to their final destination.
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